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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in connection
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

Please replace paragraph 005 on page 2, with the following paragraph:

As an alternative to photocoagulation, photodynamic therapy has been proposed as a means of treating this form of AMD (see: Strong *et al.*, "Vision through photodynamic therapy of the eye," U.S. Patent Nos. 5,756,541 and 5,910,510; and Mori *et al.*, "Photochemotherapeutical obstruction of newly-formed blood vessels," U.S. Patent No. 5,633,275). Photodynamic therapy ("PDT"), as taught in this prior art, is a two-step treatment process. PDT is performed by first administering a photosensitive compound systemically or topically, followed by illumination of the treatment site at a wavelength or waveband of light from a laser which closely matches the absorption spectra of